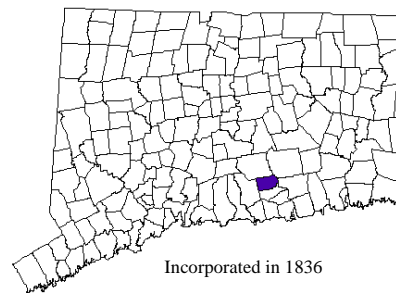


Chester, Connecticut

CERC Town Profile 2011

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Middlesex County Economic Dev. Region
Connecticut River Estuary Planning Area



Incorporated in 1836

Demographics

<i>Population (2010)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Race/Ethnicity (2010)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
1990	3,417	143,196	3,287,116	White	3,636	147,132	2,786,761
2000	3,743	155,071	3,405,565	Black	46	7,724	337,299
2010	3,817	165,918	3,511,137	Asian Pacific	53	4,037	128,651
2015	3,749	169,894	3,545,169	Native American	3	70	6,418
'10-'15 Growth / Yr	-0.4%	0.5%	0.2%	Other/Multi-Race	79	6,955	252,008
				Hispanic (any race)	90	6,483	411,629
Land Area (sq. miles)	16	369	5,009	<i>Poverty Rate (2009)</i>	3.4%	5.8%	8.7%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (2010)	238	449	701	<i>Educational Attainment (2010)</i>			
Median Age (2010)	45	42	40	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (2010)	1,576	67,078	1,337,758	High School Graduate	714	25%	689,864
Med HH Inc. (2010)	\$89,521	\$74,627	\$65,686	Some College	755	27%	585,203
				Bachelors or More	1,111	39%	842,517
<i>Age Distribution (2010)</i>							
	<i>0-4</i>	<i>5-17</i>	<i>18-24</i>	<i>25-49</i>	<i>50-64</i>	<i>65+</i>	<i>Total</i>
Male	102 3%	267 7%	115 3%	616 16%	437 11%	292 8%	1,829
Female	111 3%	300 8%	99 3%	643 17%	392 10%	443 12%	1,988
County Total	9,191 6%	26,122 16%	14,875 9%	55,194 33%	35,404 21%	25,132 15%	165,918
State Total	211,807 6%	586,571 17%	330,532 9%	1,173,203 33%	708,910 20%	500,114 14%	3,511,137

Economics

<i>Business Profile (2005)</i>	<i>% of Total</i>		<i>Top Five Grand List (2009)</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>% of Net</i>
<i>Sector</i>	<i>Establishments</i>	<i>Employment</i>			
Agriculture	4.5%	2.6%	Chester Woods Inc	\$15,547,520	3.1%
Const. and Mining	10.7%	5.6%	Connecticut Water Co	\$7,041,200	1.4%
Manufacturing	7.2%	15.2%	Whelen Engineering Co	\$6,878,100	1.4%
Trans. and Utilities	4.1%	6.5%	Eastern Company	\$4,071,240	0.8%
Trade	16.2%	12.0%	Whelen Aviation	\$3,851,810	0.8%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	5.2%	6.7%	Net Grand List (2009)	\$500,544,420	
Services	45.5%	51.3%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (2006)</i>		
Government	6.6%	0.0%	Whelen Engineering Inc	First Student Transportation Serv	
			Chester Village West	Chesterfield Healthcare Center	
			Greenwald Industries (Division of		
				<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
			<i>Retail Sales (2007)</i>	\$43,329,177	\$136,936,194,241
			<i>All Outlets</i>		

Education

<i>2009-2010 School Year</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal</i>							
			<i>Grade 4</i>		<i>Grade 6</i>		<i>Grade 8</i>			
			<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		
Total Town School Enrollment	585	552,782	Reading	71	61	89	69	n.a.	69	
Most public school students through grade 6 attend Chester School District, which has 319 students. Students then go to Regional School District 4, which has 949 Students.			Math	79	64	94	69	n.a.	65	
			Writing	77	64	89	62	n.a.	67	
			<i>Average SAT Score</i>							
For more education data please see:	<i>Students per Computer</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Average Class Size</i>		<i>Town</i>				
http://www.state.ct.us/sde/	Elementary:	1.7	0.0	Grade K	15.7	Grade 2	13.0	Reading	554	503
	Middle:	1.4	2.8	Grade 5	18.3	Grade 7	n.a.	Writing	548	506
	Secondary:	2.0	2.7	High School	n.a.			Math	547	508

Government

Government Form: Selectman-Town Meeting			Annual Debt Service (2009)	\$431,190		
			As % of Expenditures	3.7%		
Total Revenue (2009)	\$12,115,914	Total Expenditures (2009)	\$11,700,744	Eq. Net Grand List (2007)	\$732,029,079	
Tax Revenue	\$10,320,015	Education	\$8,432,858	Per Capita	\$187,507	
Non-tax Revenue	\$1,795,899	Other	\$2,836,696	As % of State Average	113%	
Intergovernmental	\$1,409,258	Total Indebtness (2009)	\$7,336,141	Date of Last Revaluation (2009)	2003	
Per Capita Tax (2009)	\$2,723	As % of Expenditures	62.7%	Moody's Bond Rating (2009)	A2	
As % of State Average	111.8%	Per Capita	\$1,936	Actual Mill Rate (2007)	22.37	
			As % of State Average	91.3%	Equalized Mill Rate (2007)	12.13
			% of Grand List Com/Ind (2007)			15.5%

Housing/Real Estate

<i>Housing Stock (2009)</i>	Town	County	State	Owner Occupied Dwellings (2009)	919	44,950	812,964
Existing Units (total)	1,765	72,900	1,452,007	As % Total Dwellings	55%	62%	57%
% Single Unit	81.4%	74.3%	64.8%	Subsidize Housing (2008)	33	5,025	149,355
New Permits Auth. (2009)	75	299	3,786	<i>Distribution of House Sales (2008)</i>			
As % Existing Units	4.25%	0.41%	0.26%	Town County State			
Demolitions (2009)	3	61	1,219	Number of Sales			
House Sales (2008)	26	914	16,606	Less than \$100,000			
Median Price	\$295,750	\$320,000	\$290,000	\$100,000-\$199,999			
Built Pre 1950 share (2000)	43.7%	27.6%	31.5%	\$200,000-\$299,999			
				\$300,000-\$399,999			
				\$400,000 or More			

Labor Force

<i>Place of Residence (2009)</i>				<i>Commuters (2000)</i>			
	Town	County	State	Commuters into Town from:		Town Residents Commuting to:	
Labor Force	2,296	94,834	1,889,947	Chester	508	Chester	508
Employed	2,146	88,266	1,734,291	Deep River	170	Middletown	220
Unemployed	150	6,568	155,656	Middletown	142	Essex	161
Unemployment Rate	6.5%	6.9%	8.2%	Essex	125	Old Saybrook	133
<i>Place of Work (2009)</i>				East Haddam	115	Deep River	105
# of Units	147	4,950	104,314	Old Saybrook	106	Hartford	77
Total Employment	1,952	67,035	1,615,355	Haddam	101	Westbrook	73
2000-'09 Growth AAGR	-0.2%	0.0%	-0.4%	Killingworth	88	New Haven	54
Mfg Employment	n.a.			Westbrook	88	Norwich	53
				Clinton	73	East Haddam	47

Other Information

		<i>Residential Utilities</i>	
<i>Banks (2007)</i>	Town	State	Electric Provider
	3	1,029	Connecticut Light & Power (800) 286-2000
<i>Crime Rate (2009)</i>			Gas Provider
Per 100,000 Residents	0	298	na
			na
<i>Library (2010)</i>	Town		Water Provider
Total Volumes	18,840		Connecticut Water Company (800) 286-5700
Circulation Per Capita	9.5		Cable Provider
			COMCAST/CLINTON (800) 266-2278